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REMARKS

The amendment to Claim 29 is in recognition of an error by the Applicants in naming nylon as a structural layer although it was not set out as such in the specification. The other amendments to Claim 29 are strictly stylistic in nature and are not intended to alter the scope of the claim in any way.

The Examiner rejects Claims 25-27 because he was unable to find support for the claimed range of component (c) where the Applicants pointed. The Applicants pointed to the section which identified the component, however, the broad range of the component has support at page 6 of the specification, line 26. The Examples (see Examples 29-31 I Table 3) give explicit support for the lower range of 5 wt% and an upper range limit of 25 wt% of component (c). However, the Applicants are not required to claim strictly within the range of the Examples, and believe that the range claimed in Claim 25 is commensurate with the Examples, particularly in view of the fact that the component is identified in the specification as an optional component.

Claim 28 is listed as an allowed claim, and not listed as a rejected claim on the Office Action Summary. However, the Examiner has on page 2 of the Office Action, in the 4th paragraph, rejected Claim 28 because he does not find support for the ionomer structural layer in that Claim. The Applicants believe that the Examiner has made (possibly) an editing error in rejecting the claim even though the claim has support in the specification. If the Applicants are not correct, please see page 4, lines 20 - 23, where support can be found for the ionomer structural layer, and reconsider the rejection in view of the support provided thereat.

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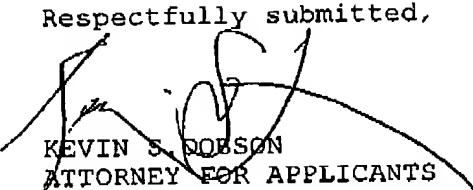
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The Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the Claims be withdrawn, and instead the rejected Claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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